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CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pet house comprising:

a lower frame;

fabric attached to the lower frame to form a pet supporting floor;

a <u>preshaped</u> substantially rigid <u>and shape retaining</u> upper frame cooperable with the lower

frame and removable with respect thereto to define a space above the pet supporting floor;

a cover that fits removably over the upper frame to create an enclosure over the pet

supporting floor; and

an opening in the cover where a pet can enter and leave the pet house.

2. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 1, wherein the lower frame rests on a

supporting surface and forms the pet supporting floor spaced above the supporting surface.

3. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 2, where the fabric attached to the lower

frame to form the pet supporting floor is air permeable.

4. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 3, wherein the fabric attached to the lower

frame to form the air permeable pet supporting floor is a mesh material.

5. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 4 where the mesh material is PVC coated

polyester.

6. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 5, wherein the lower frame includes legs.

7. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 6, wherein the lower frame is substantially

rectangular and includes four removable legs.

8. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 7, wherein the lower frame is constructed

of tubular material with connectors at each of the four corners, and wherein the upper frame is

- 9. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 8, wherein the fabric forming the pet supporting floor includes sleeves through which portions of the lower frame extend to attach the fabric to the lower frame.
- 10. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 9, wherein the lower frame separates at the connectors and is removable from the sleeves of the fabric forming the pet supporting floor.
- 11. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 10, wherein the cover that fits over the upper frame is a fabric cover.
- 12. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 10, wherein the fabric cover is made of a nylon material.
- 13. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 11, additionally including fastener portions secured to the fabric forming the pet supporting floor which mate with fastener portions attached to the fabric cover to secure the fabric cover to the pet house.
- 14. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 13, additionally including a vent in the fabric cover and a flap removably positionable over the vent.
- 15. (Original) A pet house according to Claim14, additionally including a flap positionable over the opening where the pet can enter and leave the pet house to close the opening.
- 16. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 14, additionally including a pad placed over the pet supporting floor to insulate the pet supporting floor.
- 17. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 14, additionally including removable insulating material secured to at least a portion of the cover.

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18. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 1, wherein the lower frame is substantially rectangular and includes four removable legs.

- 19. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 18, wherein the lower frame is constructed of tubular material with connectors at each of the four corners, and wherein the upper frame is also constructed of tubular material and removably connects to the lower frame through the connectors.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A pet house according to Claim 1, additionally including legs which rest on a supporting surface to support the frame on that supporting surface, at least one of the legs including <u>tab</u> means for staking the at least one leg to the supporting surface.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A pet house according to Claim 20, wherein the at least one leg includes a foot portion and wherein the tab means for staking the at least one leg to the supporting surface is a tab extending from the foot portion of the at least one leg with a hole therein through which a stake can be positioned.
- 22. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 1, wherein the cover that fits over the upper frame is a fabric cover.
- 23. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 22, wherein the fabric cover is made of a nylon material.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A pet house according to Claim 1, additionally including fastener portions secured to the <u>fabric</u> pet supporting floor which mate with fastener portions attached to the cover to secure the cover to the pet house.
- 25. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 1, additionally including a vent in the cover and a flap removably positionable over the vent.

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26. (Previously Presented) A pet house according to Claim 1, additionally including a flap positionable over the opening where the pet can enter and leave the pet house to close the opening.

- 27. (Original) A pet house according to Claim 1, additionally including a pad placed over the pet supporting floor to insulate the pet supporting floor.
- 28. (Previously Presented) A pet house according to Claim 1, wherein the lower frame includes legs, and wherein the lower frame and fabric attached to the lower frame to form the pet supporting floor form an open pet supporting cot when the upper frame is removed from cooperation with the lower frame.
 - 29. (Currently Amended) A pet house comprising:

a lower frame;

fabric attached to the lower frame to form a pet supporting floor;

a <u>preshaped</u> substantially rigid <u>and shape retaining</u> upper frame cooperable with the lower frame to define a space above the pet supporting floor;

a cover supported by the upper frame to create an enclosure over the pet supporting floor; and

an opening in the cover where a pet can enter and leave the pet house.

30. (Currently Amended) A pet house according to Claim 29, wherein the cover supported by the upper frame is a fabric cover, and additionally including fastener portions secured to the <u>fabric</u> pet supporting floor which mate with fastener portions attached to the cover to secure the cover to the pet house.